

April 28, 2015

Ms. Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director,
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics,
The United States Environmental Protection Agency,
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Washington, DC 20460,

Re: EPA and NITE exchange of information and personnel concerning chemical management

Dear Ms. Cleland-Hamnett

I would like to inform you that effective as of April 1st 2015, I have assumed a position as a vice president of NITE, replacing my predecessor, Mr. Komoto. I am looking forward to a continued successful relationship.

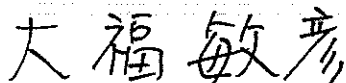
I appreciate your kind letter on April 2, 2015 (Re: EPA and NITE exchange of information and personnel concerning chemical management).

On behalf of the National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) in Japan, I agree and confirm that it is our common interest to enhance our information and personnel exchanges in the field of chemical risk reduction to support sustainable growth and a high level of protection of human health and of the environment. I also agree and appreciate all details which include activities, types of information to be exchanged and so on.

I recognize that our cooperation has been very fruitful and it is our hope that the cooperation between OPPT, EPA and NITE would be successful and continue in the future based on this mutual understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Toshihiko OHFUKU,



Vice President
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation